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SOMERSET LIGHT OIL ADVANCES TO TWO DOLLARS

OTHER GRADES ALSO GO UP 10c TO 25c PER BARREL.

Pittsburgh, April 18.—An increase in the price of crude oil was announced here today by the principal purchasing agencies. The increase ranged from 10 to 25 cents a barrel.

The new prices effective today follow: Pennsylvania crude, \$3.25, an increase of 25 cents; Cabell, \$1.96, an increase of 10 cents; Somerset, \$1.75, an increase of 15 cents; Somerset light, \$2.15, an increase of 20 cents; Ragland, \$1.15, an increase of 10 cents.

The advance on the Somerset grade of crude oil, the principal product of the Kentucky oil fields is the first in many months and marks the turn in a market which experienced a precipitous drop in the first ten weeks of '21. Somerset light oil was at a high record point of \$4.50 a barrel during most of 1920 and was at that point at the beginning of this year. Early in January a series of cuts were made effective, forcing the crude to a low of \$1.50.

Oil development in Kentucky has been held in check by the low crude oil prices and relatively high cost of operating. The opinion has been that an increase in crude oil prices would increase oil development interest in this State to a considerable degree.

Drilling to be resumed. King & King, contractors running several strings of tools in the Blaine-Keaton field, on the Union Gas & Oil Company's property, will resume work the 25th instant, after having been shut down for a few weeks. All of the other rigs operating for that company (about 25) will resume except three, it is reported.

Oil Well at Flat Gap. Watkins & Preston have completed oil well No. 1, near Flat Gap, for the Jeff Newberry Oil Company. Oil was found in the Berea grit at about 850 feet in paying quantities. Work has started on well No. 2. This lease has no wells close to it and is therefore an important find. The stockholders are chiefly Huntington people.

Machine Shops in the Blaine-Keaton Field

R. E. Bernie, of the Cliff Boiler & Machine Company, is in Lee county for the purpose of moving a steam hammer and other oil well repair machinery to the Blaine-Keaton oil field of this county. There is a great deal of work to be done in the Blaine field and this plant will take care of all work there. The Louisa plant is well equipped and doing a lot of repair and general machine work.

Cities and Towns to Get No Road Aid

The State Road department has announced that it will not build any federal and state aid roads through cities or towns.

This means that the Mayo Trail will reach only to the corporate limits of Louisa, north and south. This settles a question of a good deal of interest to citizens on prospective routes through the town.

This does not cut out the old State aid contract that was entered into for Lock avenue and a portion of Pike, Main Cross and Main streets.

ANOTHER BIG GAS WELL. Well No. 3 has been drilled in on the John A. Dorton farm near Red Bush, Johnson co. It is a gas well estimated at 1,250,000 cubic feet per day, which is better than the first well by about 250,000 feet. Tom Hays, G. R. Vinson, J. P. Miller and other Louisa and Ashland people are the owners of the lease.

TO BE MARRIED. Announcement has been made of the engagement of Mr. Jesse R. Roberts and Miss Margaret Shackelford, of Portsmouth, Ohio. The date of the wedding will be May 10th. Mr. Roberts was a resident of Louisa during his boyhood and learned the printing business in the NEWS office.

STREET PAVING. Excavation for paving on Lock avenue is now down to Dr. Burgess' residence. The asphalt is being applied on Madison street from Main Cross to the bridge. The curb and gutter is being laid on Main from Main Cross to the railroad.

E. E. Shannon has bought from Jno. M. Rice the remainder of his holdings of the property in Louisa formerly owned by his father, Judge John M. Rice.

Dr. Charles Fox Anderson was unanimously elected at last Sunday's services as representative of the Louisa Baptist church at the meeting of the Southern Baptists to be held in Chattanooga, Tenn., the first of May.

Z. K. Thumason, better known as Jack Thompson, arrived Sunday evening from Detroit, Mich., for a visit to Louisa friends. He is the guest of W. E. Queen and family. His many friends here are always glad to see him. Since returning from the army he has been in the grocery business in Detroit.

MORE FIGHTING NEAR WILLIAMSON, W. VA.

Williamson, W. Va., April 15.—A gun battle between mountaineers, fought in the hills last night near Dingess, Mingo county, and a knife fight between two men of one of the battling factions this morning, were reported to authorities here today.

It was not learned whether there were casualties in the gunbattle, which is said to have started over the seizure of moonshine whiskey, but Willie Vance, a participant in this morning's fight, suffered seven knife wounds. He is not expected to recover.

Many shots were fired at the home of Ben Maynard, on the Kentucky side of the Tug river, two miles east of Williamson, and opposite the Lick Creek tent colony of striking miners in West Virginia. Maynard is a Pike county (Ky.) deputy sheriff.

K. N. C. BUILDING BEING FINISHED

Work is moving rapidly on the Kentucky Normal College building. The upper floors, including the large auditorium, are receiving the finishing touches. Additional framing work has been completed and plastering is well under way. The ceiling of the auditorium is to be of ornamental steel, with large beams, giving the spacious room added attractiveness.

A contract has been let for opera chairs with which to seat the entire auditorium, main floor and balconies. The chairs will be delivered by the time the room is ready to receive them. The number required will be almost 1500.

ELECTRIC PLANT IS LATEST MOVE IN CITY OF LOUISA

Mr. Mayfield, of Covington, is in Louisa trying to arrange for the installation of an electric plant for lights and power. His firm has built plants in several Kentucky towns.

Mr. Mayfield examined the franchise and rates recently approved by members of the city council and said it is satisfactory to him. He will ask the council at the next meeting for a franchise.

He has called attention to one fact that has not been generally realized here. Louisa is the largest city in Kentucky that has no general electric light and power service. This is accounted for by the fact that natural gas has been so generally used here for 25 years.

The city has now reached the point where an electric plant would pay and the opportunity will not long remain open.

Louisa's future never looked so bright as at present. Her favorable location, good citizenship and awakened spirit are beginning to show results.

Circus Coming to Louisa Saturday, April 30th

The Circus is coming—holds many interests for every member of the family. For example, little Willie's behavior has been beyond reproach. He has seen the flaming posters announcing the coming of the circus and nightly chores are done with a precision which has caused mothers to take particular notice. Willie has felt the thrill.

The special trains bearing the Campbell-Bailey-Hutchinson Combined Circus and Wild West will arrive in Louisa at daybreak Saturday, April 30. The glittering mile long free street parade will take place at noon and there will be two complete performances at 2 and 8 p. m. Doors will open one hour earlier.

Lawrence Co. Public Road & Bridge Bonds For Sale

The undersigned commissioners appointed by the Lawrence Fiscal Court hereby offer for sale to the highest and best bidder or bidders a total of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars of Public Road and Bridge Bonds issued by Lawrence County, Kentucky, under authority of the laws of Kentucky, and in virtue of the vote of the people on December 20, 1918, for the purpose of building roads and bridges. These bonds are dated May 15, 1920, and are in denominations of \$500 and \$1000 each five years thereafter up to five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually. \$30,000.00 of these bonds mature five years from date and \$30,000.00 each five years thereafter up to 1945. The law provides that no bid at less than par and accrued interest can be accepted under this advertisement. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. Bids will be received until noon of May 2, 1921, by the undersigned at Louisa, Ky.

G. R. VINSON,
M. F. CONLEY,
C. F. OSBORN,
Commissioners.

REV. HEWLETT AT YATESVILLE.

Rev. H. B. Hewlett has been invited to preach at Yatesville on Sunday, May 1st. He expects to be there and preach at both the morning and afternoon services that day.

Mrs. B. J. Chaffin and daughter, Miss Lou, were in Ashland a few days ago. Miss Lou went on to Holden, W. Va., for a visit to Mrs. W. S. Frazier.

BIG SANDY COAL HAS HIGH RATE

WHY NOT REDUCE IT RATHER THAN RAISE L. & N. RATE?

Coal rates from Eastern Kentucky and West Virginia to Cincinnati, Louisville and intermediate points were discussed at a joint hearing of the Coal, Coke and Iron Ore Committee of the Central Freight Association and the Southern Freight Traffic Committee for the railroads, and many interested shippers and coal operators from the various points concerned in the proposed increase of rates on coal over the Louisville & Nashville railroad, at the Hotel Sinton in Cincinnati.

The hearing was on the question raised by shippers and others who are affected by the differential of 35 cents a ton in favor of the L. & N., as against competitors who ship over the C. & O. and the N. & W.

Present rates on coal from the McRoberts district on the L. & N. are \$1.75 a ton, while those from the Kanawha district are \$2.10 a ton. The difference was created when increased rates went into effect last August, and was the result of unequal increases applied in making the rates.

Prior to last August the rates were practically the same, but when an increase of 40 per cent was made on coal from the Kanawha district and 25 per cent on coal from the McRoberts, the relation of the tariffs from the two sections was thrown out of alignment. It is because of this that shippers on the C. & O. and N. & W. have asked that the L. & N. rates be raised to \$2 a ton. The old rate from both sections was \$1.50 per ton.

E. H. Dulaney, of the L. & N. said that his road was willing to make the adjustment of the rates to the gauge asked by shippers.

County Board Makes Large Raise in Valuations

The Lawrence County Board of Equalization, recently in session, has reported the following results to the State Tax Commission:

Listed omitted lands.....	\$51,023
Listed omitted town lots.....	29,700
Raised lands.....	232,879
Raised town lots.....	80,960
Raised personal property.....	35,000
Raised personal property.....	19,055
Listed mineral rights and leases.....	129,155
Raised mineral rights and leases.....	89,000
Listed live stock.....	1,430
Listed intangible property.....	5,475
Listed polls.....	44

The State is reported to have asked for a \$300,000 increase, so the Frankfort authorities ought to be well pleased with the result.

Mrs. J. J. Johnson Appointed on State Committee

Mrs. Joek Carey Johnson, Jenkins, has been appointed woman member of the Democratic State Executive Committee from the Tenth Congressional District.

An appointment was made by Bailey P. Wootten, Tenth District Executive Committeeman. Mrs. Johnson represented her district at the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco last year. She is the wife of former Senator J. J. Johnson and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Carey, of Louisa. Mrs. Johnson is a capable woman, fully competent to help direct party affairs.

GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL MAY 1ST

Kentucky's big Sunday school day for this year is May 1st, when all persons are expected to attend the Sunday schools of their choice. Let everybody get the spirit of this great annual movement and boost it along. The Sunday schools of Russell, Ky., have challenged Louisa schools for a contest on the greatest number attending that day.

AWARDED \$500.

Condemnation proceedings for a road right of way on Meads branch occupied the county court for two days this week. The jury awarded John Kise \$500 damages.

BURIAL AT HEWLETT.

Mrs. Robert Lynch, 62, died Tuesday of Bright's disease, at Kenova, W. Va. The body was taken to Hewlett, W. Va., where the funeral was held Thursday and interment was made in the Hewlett cemetery. Mrs. Lynch had been married twice, she was formerly Mrs. Mollie Pack. Beside her husband Robert Lynch, she leaves four sons, Herbert, Willie and James Lynch, and Jesse Pack.

BISHOP L. W. BURTON.

Bishop Lewis W. Burton, of the Episcopal Church, will be in Louisa next Monday and hold services at the M. E. Church that evening at 7:30. All are cordially invited to attend.

James F. Barnett, 23, Letcher county, Ky., to Miss Reta May Powell, 21, Cabell county, W. Va., were married in Huntington.

Edward O. Jones, 46, Breathitt co., Ky., and Miss Carrie Holly, 21, Cabell county, W. Va.

MRS. LEROY REID SUICIDE VICTIM

ILL HEALTH BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN THE CAUSE OF RASH DEED.

The Logan (W. Va.) Democrat says: News that carried much sadness and regret to many residents of this city reached here the first of the week of the death at Beckley on Monday morning of Mrs. Leroy M. Reid, wife of the only son of Rev. W. L. Reid, former pastor of Nightbird Memorial church, as the result of a bullet wound self-inflicted on Sunday morning.

Mrs. Reid who was until her marriage a little more than a year ago, Miss Mattie R. Silling, daughter of Mrs. C. K. Silling, of Charleston, is reported to have been a sufferer from nervous disorders for several months, and most of that time under a doctor's care. This condition is believed to have been responsible for her rash act, which was evidently committed in a moment of temporary insanity. She had completed arrangements for a visit with her mother at Charleston on Saturday night and had everything prepared for her departure on the Sunday morning train. Arising early, and without disturbing her young husband, she slipped into the bedroom and took a .32 calibre revolver and then walked back into the bedroom and told her startled husband that she wanted to die. Medical aid was hastily summoned and the patient was removed to the Beckley hospital where she lingered until four o'clock Monday morning.

The body was shipped to Charleston later the same day, where the funeral was held with interment in the Spring Hill cemetery. Leroy M. Reid lived here during the year's his parent served as pastor of Nightbird church and remained for a year or more afterward, being identified with the automobile business and maintaining a garage and sales agency. He served in the signal corps at various American camps during the war, and at the close of which he returned to the automobile business, locating in Charleston, where he first met the young woman who later became his wife. When Rev. Reid was assigned to the M. E. South pastorate at Beckley, about two years ago, Leroy and his bride moved there, and the former established for himself a garage and repair shop, which he still maintains, and which is understood to have been more than ordinarily successful.

Rev. Reid is now located in a northern conference, having been transferred there at his own request at the close of the last conference year. His health has not been of the best some years as the result of a fall received at Prestonsburg, Ky., immediately following his Logan pastorate, and from which he received a broken collar bone and other injuries from which he has never completely recovered. His service in Logan occurred at the time the present Nightbird Memorial church was being built, and his work in that enterprise will cause his name to ever be closely linked with the activities and history of the denomination in this section.

Widths of Street Paving Agreed Upon by Council

The following street paving widths have been agreed upon by the city council and definitely fixed on streets paved and to be paved in Louisa:

Adams street, from public way or road leading from foot of Lock avenue to north line of city limits, to what is known as Stewart street.....	20 ft.
Boone, from Franklin to Madison.....	20 ft.
Franklin, from Water to Boone.....	24 ft.
Jefferson, from Pike to Roberts' feed store.....	18 ft.
Lady Washington, from Pike to Powhatan.....	24 ft.
Lock avenue, from Braham's property to Pike.....	20 ft.
Lock avenue, Pike to Franklin.....	18 ft.
Madison, from Water to Main Cross.....	48 ft.
Madison, Main Cross to Jefferson.....	48 ft.
Madison, from Jefferson to Clay.....	48 ft.
Madison, from Clay to Boone.....	24 ft.
Madison, from Boone to Rice ave.....	35 ft.
Madison, from Rice ave. to Lackey.....	48 ft.
Main, from Water to Jefferson.....	48 ft.
Main, from Jefferson to Lady Wash.....	32 ft.
Main Cross, from Pike to Perry.....	32 ft.
Main Cross, from Perry to Madison.....	48 ft.
Main Cross, Madison to Powhatan.....	24 ft.
Main Cross, from Pike to Sullivan.....	24 ft.
Pike, from Water to Jefferson.....	22 ft.
Pike, Jefferson to Lady Washington.....	24 ft.
Perry, from Water to Main Cross.....	32 ft.
Perry, from Main Cross to Lady W.....	32 ft.
Pocahontas, Madison to Powhatan.....	20 ft.
Pocahontas (public road) from Powhatan to south city limits.....	16 ft.
"Public way" or public road, from foot of Lock Ave. to north city limits, 16 feet with 3-ft. berms on either side.	
Water, from Main Cross to Lock Ave.....	20 ft.
Water, from Pike to Perry.....	24 ft.
Water, from Perry to Main.....	32 ft.
Water, from Main to Madison.....	48 ft.
Water, from Madison to Franklin.....	24 ft.

THE NEW LUMBER MILL.

The Eastern Kentucky Lumber & Supply company have the frame work of their large building well under way. The machinery will be installed alongside this building. Corrugated iron will be used as the siding for the buildings.

COUNTY TAX COMMISSIONER.

D. M. Cornutte has successfully passed the examination for County Tax Commissioner. This is under a new law with which the people generally are not yet acquainted.

MINGO COUNTY CRIMINAL CASES ARE DISMISSED

One hundred and twenty-five criminal cases were dismissed in the Mingo county circuit court by Judge Robert D. Bailey, upon motion of the state, and it is expected that at least another 100 cases will go the same way before the April term is finished, according to the prosecution.

Besides an unusually heavy civil docket the court has to contend with a congested criminal docket, owing to the industrial controversy in the Williamson coal fields.

Reason for dismissing so many criminal cases was advanced by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Preece, who said that those under indictment either could not be found or were dead. The congestion of the docket has delayed trial so long in numerous cases that the defendants either have died a natural death, have been killed when in outbreaks, or escaped into Kentucky.

COAL PRODUCTION SUFFERS IN THE BUSINESS SLUMP

Washington.—Output of bituminous coal in the week ending April 2 had slumped to 5,750,000 tons, or approximately 5,000,000 tons below the average regarded as ordinarily safe, the National Coal Association announced. The condition was attributed by the association largely to lack of a market and had resulted, it added, in the mines running at "only half capacity, with 100,000 miners idle."

DR. WINNES IS FREED ON MOTION OF PROSECUTION

Harlan, Ky., April 15.—The case against Dr. H. C. Winnes, formerly of Cincinnati, charged with the murder of Miss Laura Parsons, was called for second trial today at 10 o'clock. Immediately J. G. Forester, Commonwealth Attorney, arose, and in a written statement asked the court to dismiss the case.

Judge Davis concurred in the plea and ordered Dr. Winnes to be dismissed. The Judge, Commonwealth Attorney Forester and many others congratulated Dr. Winnes and greetings were extended to him from every side.

Floyd Lyrd, who was prosecutor in the first trial, was not present. Neither was any member of the Pine Mountain School.

Following is the statement filed by Commonwealth Attorney Forester in dismissing the case: "May it please the court, this case was tried at the January term, resulting in a hung jury, with 11 for acquittal. I have found no new evidence that would throw any light on the case. The evidence shows that others had an opportunity to commit the crime, but to my mind it is not sufficient to prove who did this murder.

"The evidence against the defendant is circumstantial; it is scattering in its nature and only tends to show an opportunity on his part to have committed this crime. It wholly is insufficient, in my judgment, to convict him or to uphold a verdict of conviction if one was had. It would be a waste of the money of the state to proceed further with the case, and it would take valuable time of the court, all to no purpose.

"When I consider his good name and character as a citizen and his integrity as a man, as established here by good men and women from different parts of the state and from his former home in Cincinnati, I cannot believe he committed the crime.

"To his devoted wife and daughters, who have stood by him with unshaken confidence during this most trying ordeal, in the name of Kentucky, I give him back."

Dr. Winnes left Harlan tonight for Cincinnati.

Commencement Calendar for Jno. C. C. Mayo College

Sunday, May 8, 10:30 a. m.—Baccalaureate Sermon, Bishop U. V. W. Darlington.
Sunday evening, May 8, 8:00 p. m.—Christian Education Address, Bishop U. V. W. Darlington.
Monday Afternoon, May 9, 3:30 p. m.—Children's Recital.
Monday Evening, May 9, 8:00 p. m.—Organ and Piano Recital.
Tuesday Evening, May 10, 8:00 p. m.—Children's Recital.
Wednesday Afternoon, May 11, Field Day.
Wednesday Evening, May 11, 8:00 p. m.—Piano Recital.
Thursday Afternoon, May 12—Alumni Baseball Game.
Thursday Evening, May 12, 8:00 p. m.—Commence Exercises, Literary Address, Hon. Jno. E. Buckingham.

HARBIN-WATSON REVIVAL NOW ON AT PIKEVILLE

Messrs. Harbin and Watson passed through Louisa Saturday evening en route to Pikeville, where they opened a revival meeting at the M. E. Church South Sunday morning. A number of Louisa people were out to the station to see them.

They closed a great meeting at Beaumont, Texas, last Wednesday. So great was the interest at the expiration of the time originally set for the close of the meeting that it was continued two weeks. They are exceedingly earnest and able revivalists.

LOUISVILLE WANTS LARGE SLICE OF FEDERAL MONEY

EASTERN KENTUCKY NEEDS TO LOOK AFTER HER ROAD PROJECTS.

The attention of all Big Sandy counties is called to the fact that Louisville is making a strong effort to have the State Road department advance the Louisville-Milton road project far enough up the list to get a large share of the federal aid available this year. This is a road from Louisville to Cincinnati.

If this effort should succeed it would cut out a considerable amount of work already well along toward the contract stage.

The Mayo Trail would be in danger if the Louisville people should succeed, as it would not leave the necessary federal aid for this project.

The Big Sandy counties must get busy immediately and stand for their rights. They have promptly met all demands and are ready with their end of the bargain.

The next regular meeting of the State Road Commission will be May 9th.

The Louisa Board of Trade is taking the matter up, and the other towns and counties of the valley should do the same.

Langley Will Ask for New U. S. Court in Kentucky

Washington, D. C., April 12.—Establishment of a third United States District Court in Kentucky will be provided in a bill to be introduced by Representative John W. Langley, Tenth Kentucky District.

The new district would be known as the Middle District of Kentucky, and would be composed largely of territory taken from the Eastern District.

The bill will provide for sessions of the Federal court at Pikeville, which would be made headquarters of the Eastern District, Mr. Langley said.

Covington, now headquarters of the Eastern district, would become headquarters of the Middle district, and Louisville would remain headquarters of the Western district.

Mr. Langley has not decided on the geographical division that he will include in his bill, but he said sessions now held at Covington, Frankfort, Richmond and Lexington would be included in the Middle district.

"Because of violations of the Volstead Act, the Eastern district now has more work than it can take care of, and the Western district is also hard pressed," Mr. Langley said.

"In addition, the Eastern district includes too much territory to be properly handled. I should have proposed this bill at the last Congress, but had it passed President Wilson would have named a Democratic Judge."

HUNTINGTON MAN DROWNED IN SURF AT LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Police and life guards at Ocean Park, near here, have given up hope of finding the body of W. C. Biddle, a recent arrival here from Huntington, W. Va., who disappeared in the surf of the Pacific Sunday while his wife and baby looked on.

Now that search for the body has failed to reveal it near shore, it is expected it will be nine days from the time of drowning before the body is recovered.

Mrs. Biddle has given up hope. "He was a good swimmer back home in the waters of the Ohio," she says, "but had little experience with the ocean. Besides, he was handicapped by a leg injury received in the late war."

She believes her husband's death directly due to a cramp which took him below in the breakers before he could call for aid.

DEATH OF J. L. MCCOY.

Brief mention was made last week of the death of Mr. J. L. McCoy, former editor of the Pikeville News, which occurred in New York City on last Thursday. Mr. McCoy was a resident of Owingsville, but for the past two years had had charge of the Pike County News. His health has been in decline for several months, growing steadily worse. Some weeks since he was taken to New York and placed in a hospital for radium treatment.

The funeral and interment took place in Lexington Sunday. Mr. McCoy is survived by his wife, who was before marriage Miss Emma Lewis, of Salt Lick, two sons, Malcolm and Lewis McCoy, of Owingsville, and one daughter, Mrs. Logan Shearer, of Lexington, who was with her father in New York at the time he passed away.

AN ENJOYABLE DAY.

At the home of Mrs. Cora Burton in Louisa last Sunday fifteen members of the Burton family were entertained for the day. Those from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Burton, of Thomas, and Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan Burton, of Greasy.

BASEBALL GAME.

Richardson's Black Sox will play Louisa's High School team and the Junior Nine on Saturday, April 23rd. Everybody come to the "Point" at 7 p. m. and don't forget to bring a little extra change to help pay the expenses of the Black Sox.

PAT BROWN, Mgr.